

Amendments to the Drawings

Figure 3:

Figure 3 was amended to correct a clerical error noted by the Examiner so that upper 32 and 34 are now labeled as 30 and 28, respectively.

REMARKS**I. The Amendments**

Following entry of the above amendments, claims 9 and 11-17 are pending in this case. Claims 1-8 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice with entry of this Amendment. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of any canceled claim in another related application. The specification was amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter has been added. Claim 9 has been amended and is supported, for example, by original claim 1 and figure 1. Claims 11-17 have been added and are supported, for example, in figure 1 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that claims 9 and 11-17 are in condition for immediate allowance. The following remarks address the Examiner's comments in the Office Action in the order presented in the Office Action.

II. The Drawings

Applicant submits formal amended drawings with this Amendment and requests entry of these drawings.

III. The Specification

The specification was amended to correct clerical errors.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §102

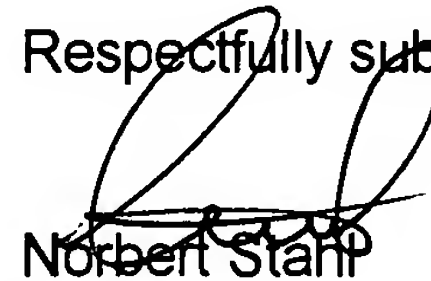
Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,474,318 to Castellano ("Castellano"). Following entry of this Amendment, claim 9 has been clarified and claim 10 has been canceled. Without acquiescing to the rejections and the reasons given therefor, Castellano fails to teach or suggest at least "a plurality of links and pivots isolating the rear wheel from a frame member which comprises a seat and a crank pedal unit, wherein said links partake in pivotal traverses to achieve an anti-squat response" as recited in claim 9 and claims 11-17 depending from claim 9.

Castellano can therefore not anticipate or obviate the subject claims and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4382.

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